

2014 Clean Water Indiana Grant



The Clean Water Indiana (CWI) Program was established to provide financial assistance to landowners and conservation groups. The financial assistance supports the implementation of conservation practices which will reduce nonpoint sources of water pollution through education, technical assistance, training, and cost sharing programs.

The CWI fund is administered by the Division of Soil Conservation under the direction of the State Soil Conservation Board. The CWI Program is responsible for providing local matching funds as well as grants for sediment and nutrient reduction projects through Indiana's Soil and Water Conservation Districts. CWI also contributes critical state matching funds for Indiana's Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program, an initiative which utilizes federal funds to encourage landowners to conserve environmentally sensitive land.

Furthermore, the CWI Program has supported the Conservation Cropping Systems Initiative which focuses on management systems approach to crop production which results in improved soil and water quality as well as profitability on Indiana cropland.

During state fiscal year 2014, the State Soil Conservation Board awarded 12 Clean Water Indiana grants totaling \$724,000. Grant funds can be used for Cost Share Incentives, Technical Assistance, and Adult Education (maximum of \$1,000 per year).

LEAD DISTRICT: JENNINGS
COLLABORATING DISTRICTS: JEFFERSON,
JACKSON, SCOTT
PROJECT NAME: MUSCATATUCK WATERSHED
INCENTIVE PROGRAM
PROJECT DATES: 1/1/2014-12/31/2016



Purpose: Incentivize riparian buffers and native wetlands

The Jackson, Jefferson, Jennings and Scott County SWCDs will provide incentive payments will be made for riparian buffers, hardwood tree, bottomland timber, native grass and wildlife habitat plantings, filter-strips and establishment of grasses/legumes. The Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) is currently not available within the Muscatatuck watershed. The incentive program will be similar to CREP in respect to the conservation practices included for incentives but with an emphasis for those producers that are not qualified for the Farm Service Agency Conservation Reserve Program due to cropping history or other prerequisites that might deem the land ineligible. This project will seek to reach out to minority or unfunded groups. This project will improve water quality by creating buffers and wetlands that will reduce urban and agricultural runoff, as well as non-point source nutrient losses. The project addresses the SSCB's Business Plan state priorities to include soil quality degradation, water quality impairments as well as other soil and water related natural resource concerns and could easily be replicated in other areas of the state.



PARTNERS FOR THE PROJECT INCLUDE:
U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE, NRCS,
INDIANA DNR, GOVERNOR'S HEALTHY
RIVERS INITIATIVE, FLATWOODS INVASIVE
SPECIES TEAM

The Muscatuck River organization will provide support for field days and marketing for the project.

Cost
Share
\$75,000